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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 2024

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIS, CS
SUBJ: TUNA

REF: STATE 114189

1. NOTE RESPONDING TO THE ONE PROVIDED IN REFTEL WAS GIVEN ME BY FORMIN CALDERON LATE MAY 10. DURING FINAL INAUGURAL FESTIVITIES MAY 9 HE HAD INDICATED INTEREST IN CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN ISSUES COVERED INFORMALLY BEFORE HE ASSUMED OFFICE AND PROMISED TO FIX A TIME THE MOMENT HE SETTLED IN. THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT THAT TUNA WAS THE MAIN THING ON HIS MIND.

2. AFTER GLOWING REMARKS ABOUT MRS CARTER'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE INAUGURATION, A REQUEST FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ON DISARMAMENT, AND A DISCUSSION I INITIATED ON NICARAGUA (SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL), HE SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT I HAD BECOME THE FIRST AMBASSADOR TO CALL ON HIM, SORRY THAT IT WAS MAINLY TO DEAL WITH SO DIFFICULT A SUBJECT, BUT HOPEFUL THAT THE NOTE HE WOULD GIVE ME WOULD SERVE TO START US OFF TOWARD WORKING THINGS OUT ON A FRIENDLY AND MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY BASIS.

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3. HE EMPHASIZED THE URGENCY OF GETTING SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS GOING, HE ASSUMED WITH AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE, BUT AS INDICATED IN THE NOTE, SAID THAT THE BRAND-NEW GOCR WOULD PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL EARLY JUNE SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO APPEARANCE OF HASTE OR CRISIS. I RESPONDED THAT I HOPED NO CONFRONTATION WOULD DEVELOP IN THE MEANTIME THAT WOULD COMPLICATE MATTERS. FORMIN REPLIED THAT OUR PROMPT RESPONSE FIXING A DATE FOR MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS TO BEGIN

WOULD HELP TO AVOID ANY SUCH UNWELCOME DEVELOPMENT.

4. SHOULD AMB NEGROPONTE NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THE FIRST DAYS OF JUNE, CALDERON INDICATED A DATE IN THE VERY LAST DAYS OF MAY WOULD BE THEIR SECOND CHOICE. I ASSURED FORMIN I WOULD MAKE VERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN QUICK RESPONSE TO NOTE.

5. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS: QUOTE. "IN RELATION TO NOTE NO 35 OF MAY 5, IN WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY EXPRESSES THE POINTS OF VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT FRIENDLY COUNTRY WITH REGARD TO THE CONSERVATION AND FISHING OF TUNA, I AM PLEASED TO COMMUNICATE THAT IT PLEASES US THAT THE USG SHARES THE DESIRE OF MY GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"THE GOCR DESIRES TO INITIATE CONVERSATIONS ON THE SUBJECT DURING THE FIRST DAYS OF JUNE.

"I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO REITERATE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCE OF MY MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.
RAFAEL ANGEL CALDERON FOURNIER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS."
END QUOTE.

6. MORNING LA REPUBLICA MAY 11 GIVES ITS MAJOR HEADLINE TO SUBJECT STATING "COMING MONTH TUNA WILL BE NEGOTIATED".
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